REMARKS

In the Amendment filed January 30, 2007, claims 5 and 6 were not amended as intended. Claim 15 was not amended. Claims 5 and 6 have been amended as intended. Claim 15 has been amended and is made dependent from claim 5. Claim 18 is new. Claims 5 and 6 have been amended in a manner consistent with the comments in the January 30, 2007 Amendment and further remarks below.

Reconsideration of the claims in light of the remarks in the January 30, 2007 Amendment is respectfully requested.

CLAIMS 5 and 6

Claims 5 has been amended to recite in part "net connection relation drawing means for drawing nets among said plurality of drawing sheets miniaturized and indicated on said screen, an indication of said nets being modified based on the number of connections counted by said inter-drawing connection counting means." The prior art fails to teach such a limitation.

Claim 6 has been amended to recite in part "wherein said indication of said nets is viewed as a single line, and a thickness of the line varies in proportion to said number of connections counted by said inter-drawing connection counting means." The prior art fails to teach "the thickness of the line varies in proportion."

NEW CLAIM

Claim 18 is new. Support for claim 18 found in paragraph 0030 of the application. The prior art failing to teach or suggest "wherein the inter-drawing indication means indicates said plurality of drawing sheets only by means of drawing frames thereof."

SUMMARY

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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